



MINUTES

SUNNYVALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

June 18, 2012

The Sustainability Commission met in regular session in the Water Pollution Control Plant Training Room at 6:00 p.m. with Chair Harrison presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present:

Commission Chair Sue Harrison
Commission Vice Chair Regina Wheeler
Commissioner Barbara Fukumoto
Commissioner Gerry Glaser
Commissioner Dan Hafeman
Commissioner Joe Green-Heffern

Commission Members Absent:

Commissioner Amit Srivastava (Excused)

Council Liaison: Councilmember Tara Martin-Milius (Present)

Staff Present: Melody Tovar, Regulatory Programs Division Manager
Dustin Clark, Sustainability Coordinator, Staff Liaison

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

The Commission was provided a tour of the Water Pollution Control Plant

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public announcements.

There were no announcements.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. Approval of draft minutes of Sustainability Commission meeting of May 21, 2012.

Commissioner Glaser moved and Commissioner Wheeler seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 16.

VOTE: 6-0 (Vote to approve was unanimous; Commissioner Srivastava absent)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

1. ACTION: Selection of Commission Alternate for Lawrence Station Plan Phase 2 Citizen Advisory Group

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Fukumoto moved and Commissioner Hafeman seconded a motion to appoint Commissioner Joe Green-Heffern as the Sustainability Commission alternate to the Lawrence Station Area Plan Citizen Advisory Group.

VOTE 6-0 (Vote was unanimous; Commissioner Srivastava absent)

2. ACTION: Proposal of Study Issues

No action was taken.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Oral Comments

Commissioner Glaser requested that the Transportation Division provide a presentation to the Commission in the future regarding transportation planning in Sunnyvale as a whole. Commissioner Glaser is interested in understanding what has been looked at by Transportation

and what worked and what did not work. In addition, Commissioner Glaser inquired about a study that may have been conducted that purported that bike lanes should not be created along El Camino Real because it is dangerous and too unsafe and that parallel routes should be made.

Commissioner Glaser asked that the Planning Division provide a future presentation on the mixed use development that provides evidence of the benefits of mixed that have been demonstrated in any studies and the evidence of what worked and didn't work and why. Commissioner Glaser commented that while intuitively obvious to some, a presentation of why mixed use would be considered anywhere would help educate the Commission as the City redevelops.

Commissioner Fukumoto discussed a presentation she attended by the Advanced Placement Environmental Science (APES) at Homestead High School. The APES class presented the results of their yearly project. This year's topic dealt with the banning Styrofoam. The class did a lot of work, including creating a website, stryfoamsucks.org. One of the goals of the class was to raise awareness of the amount of pollution created by Styrofoam and to encourage people to find more environmentally friendly alternatives. The presentation was also attended by Councilmember Griffith and City staff from Sunnyvale and Cupertino.

Staff Comments

Sustainability Coordinator Clark provided the Commission an update on progress for an events calendar that was requested by the Commission to inform Commissioners of events that may be of interest to Commissioners or the public. The Sustainability events calendar has been created and will be linked to the City's Community Events Calendar. The calendar should go live shortly.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dustin Clark, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator

Reviewed by: John Stufflebean, Director of Environmental Services
Melody Tovar, Regulatory Programs Division Manager